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SUBJECT: CONTINUED PRESS REACTION TO CLIFFORD MISSION

1. CLIFFORD MISSION CONTINUED TO RECEIVE PROMINENT NEWS
COVERAGE AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN FEBRUARY 25 TURKISH PRESS.
IN ADDITION TO GENERAL NEWS COVERAGE OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF
CLIFFORD, MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH, PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS
CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON CYPRUS RECEIVED HEADLINE
TREATMENT. (PRO-GOVERNMENT TERCUMAN HEADLINED: "CARTER: U.S.
CANNOT IMPOSE ITS WISHES BY FORCE"). TERCUMAN ALSO REPORTED
THAT MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH IN THEIR SECOND MEETING HAD AGREED
THAT IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA, THE QUESTIONS OF
BIZONAL FEDERATION AND BORDER ADJUSTMENT WOULD BE LEFT UNTIL
THE FINAL STAGE OF NEGOTIATION.

2. MILLIYET'S EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI WROTE THAT THE SUSPICIONS
VOICED IN TURKEY PRECEDING CLIFFORD'S VISIT WERE NOT JUSTIFIED
SINCE IT WAS "CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT COME TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
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OR ASK FOR CONCESSIONS. IN FACT, HE DID NOT EVEN EXPRESS
VIEWS." MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE CONCLUDED, WILL BE HOW THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL REACT IF CLIFFORD REPORTS THAT
THE EMBARGO HAS HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON TURKISH-AMERICAN
RELATIONS AND ON THE PROSPECTS FOR A SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS.

3. LEFTIST CUMHURİYET'S ALI SIRMEN EXPRESSED DIFFERENT

CONCLUSION, ASSERTING THAT IT WAS CLEAR FROM CLIFFORD'S STATEMENTS THAT WASHINGTON HAD TIED TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS TO TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. SIRMEN SAID IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO AGREE WITH CLIFFORD'S POINT OF VIEW THAT GREECE AND TURKEY SHOULD SETTLE THE DETAILS OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THEMSELVES, SINCE THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE WAS OVER BASICS, NOT DETAILS. SIRMEN CONCLUDED THAT TWO POSSIBILITIES CAME TO MIND AFTER THE CLIFFORD VISIT: EITHER (1) HE DID NOT EVER COME TO THE ESSENCE OF THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE, OR OF TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS OR OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS IN CYPRUS, AND CONSEQUENTLY WAS NOT ABLE TO PROPERLY EVALUATE THE SITUATION; OR (2) HE DID GRASP THE SITUATION BUT HAD KEPT HIS ASSESSMENT FROM TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION.
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